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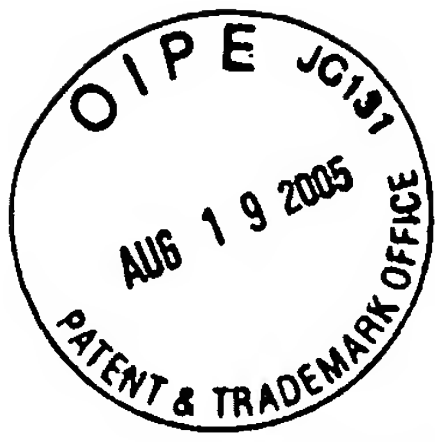
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Dear Sir:

In accordance with applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, we are enclosing form PTO-1449 listing information that may be material to the patentability of this application.

We are also enclosing copies of the non-US references listed on the attached PTO-1449. International Publication No WO99/02238 and Japanese Official Action dated July 11, 2005.

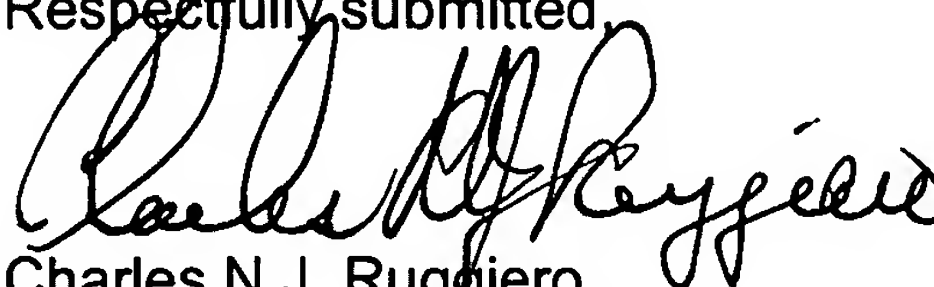
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pertinent, the criteria employed was considered most appropriate in light of the invention shown in the present application. However, the Examiner or others may deem some other criteria to be just as appropriate or more appropriate. Therefore, the Examiner is respectfully urged to review the listed citations and to make the usual careful independent search for other prior art that may be pertinent.

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Applicant respectfully requests favorable consideration and that this application be passed to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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